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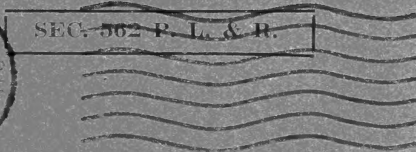


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**Grower and Importer**  
**Of English**  
**Hardy Border Carnations**

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I again extend my sincere thanks to our customers for their generous support during the past season. I am especially grateful to those of you who sent me the wonderful unsolicited testimonials. We do try to give our best in every way and it is a source of satisfaction and very encouraging to us to know that our efforts are so widely appreciated. Please remember that our plants are not cuttings, but large layers propagated from the parent plants out in the field.

The plants are therefore extra large and stocky, being guaranteed to bloom profusely the first season. Bearing flowers beyond comparison, enormous in size with strong rigid stems. All plants are true to name being winners of many trophies at the Royal Horticulture, Chelsea and other shows in England. Plants will be ready for shipping from October until the end of May. I have this season compiled a very extensive cultural treatise which not only covers growing directions but which vividly describes propagation by layering. These cultural instructions will be included with every order.

Sincerely yours,

R. H. PRATT.

"A garden is a Divine Institution  
The Carnation is the Divine Flower"

## GENERAL LIST

Our general collection of Hardy English Border Carnations are rigidly selected for color and construction. Being extra large plants guaranteed to give excellent results the first season.

**Arabella Allen**—Rose bruele or dark old rose; beautifully speckled cochineal carmine \$1.00 each.

**Audrey Browne**—Lovely Scarlet with chocolate markings, very large bloom first season distributed. For this lovely carnation \$1.50 each.

**Betty McCrea**—Very large lovely dark maroon. This is an outstanding variety exquisitely beautiful \$1.00 each.

**Cecelia**—Yellow carnations are scarce. This one is a beauty with strong rigid stems. Lovely for cutting. \$1.50 each.

**Crusader**—Plum Blue Helitrope. A lovely English importation. Very large blooms. Stock limited, \$2.00 ea.

**Dusky**—Magnificent Reddish Maroon. Very compact grower, 50¢ each.

**Doctor Primrose**—Delicate Primrose Blended Tangerine. If you are looking for something rare and outstanding, try this variety. \$1.00 each.

**Dora Spenlow**—Deep Rose Cerise. A striking and most attractive shade. Early bloomer and truly beautiful, 75¢ each.

**Ettrickdale**—A large, lovely clear yellow. Large full flower; good habit of growth. Winner of many trophies at the English shows, \$1.50 each.

**Eclipse**—New white ground fancy carnation. Heavily splashed dark pink. Attracted considerable attention at the 1942 Carnation Show in Seattle, \$2.00 each.

**Gardenia**—Lovely white. Faintly marked pink. Flowers resemble gardenia. 75¢ each.

**Guardsman**—I think this is the largest scarlet grown. Enormous flowers. Wire-like stems. A perfect carnation. Stock limited. \$2.00 each.

**Halcyon**—White ground spotted and edged Peony purple, 50¢ each.

**Her Majesty**—This is of the lovely Picotee type. yellow ground with purple ring around extreme edge of petals, 75¢ each.

**Julia Christensen**—Very popular variety, yellow ground fancy. Heavily marked oxblood red. Flowers three inches across, 75¢ each.

**John Gilpin**—White ground fancy. Prolific bloomer. Lovely for cut flower. 50¢ each.

**Lavender Clove**—An attractive variety of grey Lavender shade, with extra strong clove scent. Enormous blooms, erect stems. Stock limited, \$1.00 each.

**Lucky Strike**—White ground Madder Red markings. New variety, very desirable, \$1.50 each.

**Margaret Dixon**—Distinct Pale Yellow. Beautiful flower, strong erect habit of growth, 75¢ each.

**Mrs. Alice Gibson**—An English importation of great beauty. White ground edged and splashed rosy purple. \$1.00 each.

**Mrs. Carpenter**—A magnificent Apricot Carnation. Very outstanding and desirable. \$1.00 each.

**Marguerite Pritchard**—Deep orange, with rose markings. New variety, unusually attractive; stock limited this season, \$2.00 each.

**Merlin Clove**—White ground fancy, heavily splashed Purple. A noble flower of large size and form; gloriously fragrant, \$1.00 each.

**Pearl Clove**—Lovely Blush White, with strong spicy clove scent, 50¢ each.

**Phyllis**—Buff ground fancy carnation, striped and ticked magenta. Wonderful bloomer, unusually attractive, 75¢ each.

**Queen Mary**—Rosy-pink with deep crimson center. This is a double flowering miniature carnation, strongly scented. Wonderful for the border or rock garden. \$1.00 each.

**Rembrandt**—This carnation is truly a lovely picture with its white ground and lovely pink markings, new this season, \$1.00 each.

**Scarlet Pimpernel**—Enormously large vivid Geranium Red. Erect habit of growth, gloriously fragrant. \$1.00 each.

**Santa Claus**—This popular peacock type was greatly in demand last season. Yellow ground with fine purple edge. Strong wire-like stems. 75¢ each.

**Sunset Glow**—Lovely apricot overlaid mauve. Stock available in limited quantity. If ever there was a divine flower this is it. \$1.50 each.

**Victoria Clove**—Fuchsia purple striped chocolate. Large rounded flower with that wonderful clove scent. 75¢ each.



## **COLLECTIONS**

As a special inducement to beginners and others, we are offering the following collections of outstanding carnations this season: Six extra large plants in three varieties, our selection **\$2.75**. Twelve extra large plants in four varieties, our selection **\$5.00**.

This completes our list for season 1942-43, and while our stocks are large we sometimes have a run on some particular varieties, we therefore advise early ordering and reserve the right unless otherwise specified by customer, to substitute variety out of for one of same price or of higher value.

## **KINDLY NOTE TERMS**

When ordering please give postal address very clearly. Plants will be prepaid in Washington State only. Elsewhere they will be shipped express collect unless otherwise arranged. Orders being shipped in strict rotation as received. Washington customers please include sales tax when ordering.

## **GUARANTEE**

We guarantee that all plants are true to name and type. Rigidly inspected and to be in the finest condition. We cannot, however, entertain any complaint after ten days, or be responsible for failures as such are beyond our control.



## APPRECIATION

Monterey, Calif., Nov. 23, 1941.

Dear Sir:

Those plants were gorgeous when I unpacked them. My neighbor said: "Why those are not single plants surely there is a bunch of plants in each package." They were not free from inspection until Tuesday evening, but looked as if just from your fields.

Very sincerely, H. W.

Portland, Oregon, Oct. 25, 1941.

Dear Sir:

I did not dream of receiving such sturdy, magnificent carnations plants as you sent me. They indicate to me that I shall have blooms of which I shall feel justly proud.

Thank you, A. D.

Douglas, Arizona, Aug. 2, 1942.

Dear Mr. Pratt:

This will acknowledge receipt of the carnation plants which you recently sent me. They were the largest, nicest, healthiest plants that I ever received from any one. Your packing method is just perfect. The plants were as fresh when I received them in Arizona as they were in your fields.

Yours very truly, P. J. N.

San Diego, Cal., Aug. 2, 1942.

Dear Sir:

I purchased a few plants from you two years ago and was greatly pleased with them as they bloomed very freely and were large sturdy plants. Your Julia Christiansen variety is beautiful beyond comparison. Please send me your new list as soon as published as I want to place my order early.

Yours truly, E. W. F.

The above are only a few of the appreciative letters we received last season. Won't you give us a trial and the opportunity of earning a similar one from you?

